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Dr. Richard Felix Gives Belhaven College Commencement Address

Jackson, Miss. (December 22, 2004) – Dr. Richard Felix, president and CEO of the United Christian College Fund and retired Azusa Pacific University president, delivered the commencement address for Belhaven College’s fall commencement ceremony on December 20, 2004, held in Thalia Mara Hall. Felix also received an honorary doctorate in Christian ministries.

Rev. Gary A. Bainton, from Rose Hill Presbyterian Church in Columbia, SC also participated in commencement ceremonies. Bainton, whose daughter Noelle was awarded a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree, led the invocation. He also presented Noelle with her diploma on stage.

Belhaven College graduated 220 students Saturday, 50 of whom received master’s degrees. The total number of graduates in 2004, including the 335 students who graduated last May, is 555.

Felix, a native of Lafayette, Ind., earned his bachelor’s degree from Olivet Nazarene University, his master’s from George Williams College (now Aurora University), and a Ph.D. from the University of Notre Dame. He holds a postdoctoral certificate from Harvard University Business School. He has also been bestowed two honorary doctorates: A doctor of laws from Hanyang University in Seoul, Korea in 1991 and a doctor of humane letters from Bethel College in 2004.

Belhaven College is a Christian liberal arts college founded in 1894 and is the only evangelical college that offers majors in each of the creative arts; art, music, dance theatre and creative writing. The vision of Belhaven College is to prepare men and women academically and spiritually to serve Christ Jesus in their careers, in human relationships and in the world of ideas. Belhaven College has campuses in Jackson, Miss., Memphis, Tenn., and Orlando, Fla.